

DPAC Position Description

Member

Need for DPAC Members

The members of DPAC provide leadership, expertise and strategy to the diabetes effort in Michigan. Members are required to serve on at least one committee or workgroup of DPAC: Prevention, Consumer and Public Awareness, Advocacy and Policy, Data and Research, Training and Program. It is through the work of these committees or workgroups that the bulk of the work for diabetes gets accomplished.

Key Responsibilities:

- develop and maintain a focus on the DPAC Mission and Vision;
- establish and oversee implementation of the Michigan Diabetes Strategic Plan; and
- articulate, model and promote adherence to the DPAC Guiding Principles.

Elected By: appointed by the DPAC Board

Length of Term: Open

Time Commitment: Two full meetings per year, varied number of committee or workgroup meetings and time on assignments.

Reports to: the committee or workgroup on which they serve, the Co-Chairs of the committee or workgroup and the Co-Chairs of the DPAC Board.

Supported by: the DPCP staff and other DPAC members.

Qualifications of a member:

- commit to DPAC and its role in implementation of the Michigan Diabetes State Plan;
- ability to listen, analyze, and to think creatively and collectively and work well with individual people and groups;
- be recognized as a leader in Diabetes in the State of Michigan; and
- ability to make the necessary commitment both in time and energy.

Responsibilities of a member:

- assure the activities and direction of the committee or workgroup are consistent with the DPAC Board, Mission, Vision and Michigan Diabetes Strategic Plan;
- attend all committee or workgroup meetings or be appropriately excused;
- actively join a committee or workgroup;
- review agendas and supporting materials prior to workgroup meetings;
- complete work assigned outside of meetings as assigned;
- take meeting minutes on rotating schedule; and
- participate in the annual evaluation of committee or workgroup accomplishments in relation to the DPAC Mission and Vision and identify areas that need improvement.

And as with all members of DPAC...

DPAC Mission

To provide statewide leadership to prevent and control diabetes and reduce its impact in Michigan.

DPAC Vision

Through active collaboration, DPAC has mobilized resources to assure a unified course toward the reduction of diabetes and its complications in Michigan.

Strategic Plan Priority 2006-2007

Improve access to diabetes self-management training, supplies and health care (#6).

- communicate between DPAC and the member organization;
- represent the member organization's agenda, not personal agendas;
- declare all conflicts of interest; and
- ensure the mission of the member organization is not in conflict with DPAC mission, vision and recommendations.

Benefits:

- increased networking opportunities with partners;
- opportunity to utilize diabetes expertise and experience;
- recognition and personal satisfaction of being a member of a talented team that works to improve diabetes outcomes in Michigan;
- opportunities to expand skills and knowledge in team-building and leadership;
- opportunities to expand knowledge about diabetes and programs in Michigan;
- opportunities to contribute expertise to those making decisions affecting diabetes care in Michigan;
- receive information from DPAC partners to take back to one's organization that may reduce diabetes health care costs;
- celebration of statewide perspective of progress in reducing the impact of diabetes and its complications; and
- opportunities to influence the state policy and activities through advocacy.

DPAC Guiding Principles:

We value all voices of our partners.

Therefore, we will

- Exchange information and promote awareness of programs.
- Identify needs of our partners.
- Maintain a diverse membership.
- Encourage honest and open communication.

We value active participation of people with diabetes.

Therefore, we will

- Ensure consumer input and involvement.
- Maintain consumer representation

We value our diverse populations.

Therefore, we will

- Seek input from disparate populations. (e.g. racial, ethnic, age and socio-economic)
- Promote appropriate access to diabetes care.
- Promote the use of lay educators

We value using a scientific approach.

Therefore, we will

- Support programs and activities that are evidence-based.
- Encourage and facilitate the translation of research into practice.
- Promote evaluation in all programs.

We value creativity and innovation.

Therefore, we will

- Maintain an environment where different perspectives are respected.
- Take risks and encourage ideas.

We value you as a member.